

PARTISAN POLITICS NOT WANTED

Authorities On Both Sides Agree That School Offices Should Not Be Political Plums

TIGERT APPOINTED NEW COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.

John J. Tigert, college professor of Lexington, Kentucky, who has been appointed Commissioner of Education to succeed Philander P. Claxton.

Two important amendments to the constitution of the state will be voted on at the November election. The general public is anxious to know more about these amendments and how they may help the definite development of a strong school system in Kentucky. Your correspondent has been fortunate in securing a strong, short, and very-much-to-the-point statement con-



John J. Tigert

cerning the proposed amendments from the Hon. J. Tigert. What Mr. Tigert has to say on the important subject of schools, should carry a great weight as he has lately been appointed Commissioner of Education for the United States by President Harding. Mr. Tigert was one of the faculty of the University of Kentucky prior to his appointment as Commissioner.

Mr. Tigert's statement is given below: "In reply to your questions suggesting an expression in regard to the proposed constitutional amendments, one to take the State Superintendent of Instruction out of politics, and the other to allow a reapportionment of the State funds for school purposes, allow me to say that I do not know anything which would advance the cause of education in this Commonwealth more than the passage of these two amendments."

Keep Out of Politics.

"If the State Superintendent could be selected upon qualifications and aside from the issues of political campaigns, and then be allowed to continue in office after he has reached a high degree of efficiency, this one thing alone would improve the efficiency of our schools in an immeasurable way. I do not know of anything so important for the betterment of education in Kentucky."

Child Needs Square Deal.

"Hardly less desirable would be the amendment which would bring about a re-apportionment of the funds so that educational opportunities might be equalized throughout the state. Giving a square deal to the children in the rural communities, to my mind, would be an inestimable benefit coming from such a re-apportionment. It would give me great satisfaction if both of these amendments could be passed. In the name of the children of our great state, let us put them through."

CLAXTON ALSO APPROVES.

That men and women in both of the great political parties think alike concerning the management of the public schools of the state, should go without the saying. For fear the average voter might allow partisan politics to sway him or her at the November election, some quotations from a recent article by the Hon. P. P. Claxton, are given here. Mr. Claxton of Tennessee served as Commissioner of Education for the United States under President Woodrow Wilson.

The reader is asked to compare what the new Commissioner has said above and what the retiring Commissioner has to say below concerning the very grave danger of mixing politics with the school affairs of the state. The reader should bear in mind the fact that these men represent in a measure the two great parties.

Mr. Claxton wrote as follows: "Like Topsey, our state departments of education have just 'grewed up.' Few of them can look back to any definite birth as state departments of education. Very few, if any, except those that have been re-elected by recent acts of legislature or constitutional amendments, have been thoughtfully created and organized in full consciousness of the functions they should perform."

Office Is Not Political.

"In most of the states the mistake was made of supposing that the office of State Superintendent could be made a political office subject directly or indirectly to the vicissitudes of partisan government, as if, forsooth, the political parties as such ever advocated different educational policies, and as if the people would tolerate partisan influences in their schools. As a political office, elective or appointive, it did not formerly and in some states does not now, rank with other offices, either in pay or in im-



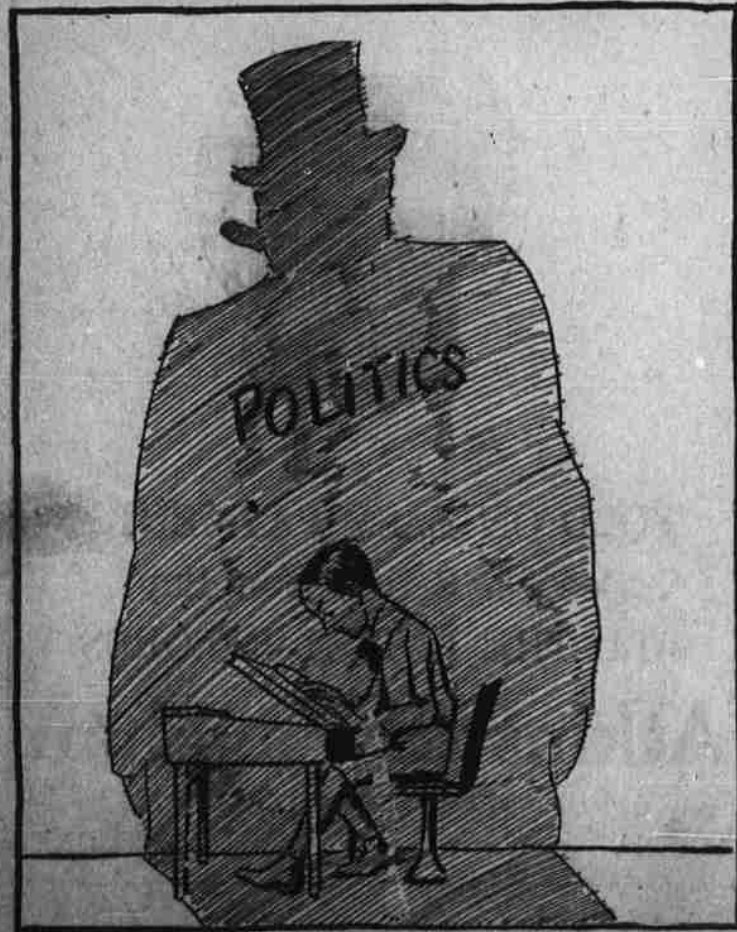
P. P. Claxton.

portance within itself, or as a stepping stone to political preferment considered of a higher grade or more desirable."

All Equally Interested.

"From the standpoint of statesmanship and the public welfare, all people are interested alike in the schools. Our political parties do not differ in regard to educational principles or practices any more than they do in the Ten Commandments or the moral code; and to attempt to make education a matter of partisan politics is good neither for education nor for politics. Education is the largest and most important part of what has been called our 'purposive government,' through which all the people are served and united, rather than controlled under policies on which people are divided into parties."

STANDING IN HIS LIGHT



GREEN VALLEY

Sunday school is progressing nicely at this place.

Several from here attended the ball game at Two Mile Sunday.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Moore, July 24, and took from them their darling baby, Woodrow. The bereaved family has our sympathy.

Mima Wilson of Jattie and Miles Stewart of Ratcliff were visiting their brother, E. H. Stewart at this place Sunday.

Fred Stewart, who has employment at Louisa, spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

W. M. Ekers and family motored to Prestonsburg Saturday. They will be accompanied home by their daughter, Miss Zella who has been visiting her sister at Wayland.

Gaylord Stewart of Prestonsburg is visiting relatives at this place.

W. M. Ekers and family and Nellie Caines attended the meeting at Louisa Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Stewart returned to their home at Ratcliff Sunday.

Oakley Cooksey and Vina Whitte of Leon, Ky., were Sunday guests of Arma Caines.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stewart and daughters, Nellie and Arma Caines, Henry Ekers, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Stewart, Clara Stewart and two daughters were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Heber Riffe Friday night.

Hannah and Carrie Vanhorn, who are working at Ashland spent Sunday with home folks.

Nellie Caines and Edna Riffe were dinner guests of Clara Stewart Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ekers and Mr. and Mrs. A. Collinsworth of Fallsburg were on our creek Sunday.

C. B. Stewart of McCoy, Greenup county, spent Sunday night with his brother at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hewlett and children were visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stewart Sunday.

Henry Ekers was at Milt Watson's Thursday.

John H. Thompson of Horseford was on our creek Thursday.

There will be an ice cream festival here Saturday evening, July 6.

AUNT EPPIE.

Deep Hole and Mt. Pleasant

The Sunday school convention here Sunday was largely attended. It was shown by careful attention that the many talks for Sunday school and Sunday school work was greatly appreciated.

John Rice and grandfather were visiting relatives at this place Sunday.

Miss Virginia Diamond returned home Friday, being accompanied by her aunt, Kate Carter and son.

E. H. Wiley and wife have returned from a visit to Ohio.

Miss Maxie Taylor was visiting Mrs. F. H. Austin one day last week.

Miss Madge Carter is visiting her brother, Henry Arter of Mt. Pleasant.

Misses Karen and Virginia Diamond and father went to the ice cream social at Yatesville Saturday night.

Several from Deep Hole attended the Sunday school convention at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mrs. Will Prince was visiting Mrs. Lige Rice Wednesday.

Rev. E. B. Wiley and wife S. S. Wiley and wife, Martha Ball and children were visiting F. H. Austin and family Sunday.

There will be a pie social at Deep Hole Saturday night, July 30, the proceeds for a good cause. Girls bring a pie, boys bring your money. Everybody invited to come.

A LONESOME CHILD.

MATTIE

Several from here attended church at Louisa Sunday.

Misses Goldie and Mollie Childers entertained quite a number of young folks Saturday night.

Mollie Childers left Sunday for her home at Lucasville, Ohio, accompanied by her niece, Leota Childers.

Charley Moore, Willie Borders, Tim and Jettie Hays, Bertha Moore, Leota Childers, Gladys Childers, Goldie Childers and Mollie Childers motored to Louisa Sunday and took dinner with Judge H. K. Moore and family.

B. F. Moore and little daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Jay Moore and family.

Allie Edwards and wife entertained quite a number of friends Sunday. Ice cream and cake were served and all enjoyed the day.

Walter Stambaugh, wife and baby and Arthur Stambaugh, wife and children of Lucasville, Ohio, motored from Lucasville one day last week. They spent the night with their sister, Mrs. Jay Moore. They were on their way to Blaine to visit their mother, Mrs. Alafair Stambaugh.

James Berry spent Sunday with Louisa Moore.

Wedding bells are expected to ring in our town soon.

Edgel Moore of Charley was calling on Martha Berry Sunday afternoon.

Dewey Moore will leave soon for Waverly, Ohio, where he will visit his brother, B. H. Moore.

Mrs. Fred Short spent Sunday with Mrs. At Ball.

G. V. Ball, Jr., wife and children were Sunday dinner guests of T. W. Ball and wife.

D. M. Justice and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mont Wheeler and wife of Blaine.

Stella Moore is expected to visit home folks soon.

MRS. GRUNDY.

OSIE

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mecca Pennington. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

There will be a pie social and ice cream festival at Lower Twin Branch Saturday night, July 30. Everybody come.

Reba and Ersella Adams and Maude and George Burton attended Sunday school at Ollioville Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burton, a fine girl.

Mrs. Mollie Chaffin, who has been seriously ill for some time is no better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spillman are visiting relatives in Ironton, Ohio, for a few weeks.

MICK AND DICK.

TWIN BRANCH

There will be an ice cream festival here Saturday night, July 30. The proceeds will go to buy an organ.

Church here Sunday was largely attended.

Augustus Jordan spent Sunday with Miss Martha Adkins.

Several boys from Dry Ridge attended the foot washing here last Sunday.

Mrs. Hester Chapman called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scarberry Saturday evening.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Fred Roberts.

Milt Bradley of Madge was on this creek last week.

Jesse Adkins, who has been sick is improving.

Okey and Charles Chaffin passed up this creek Sunday.

FRECKLES.

WEBBVILLE

Church is still going on at this place.

Mrs. Mollie Shepherd of Portsmouth, Ohio, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Martha Jane Kazez was in Grayson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Black of Grayson spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Levi Webb.

Mrs. Morton Hammonds of Jattie, who has been sick for some time is improving and attended church here last week.

The Webbville ball team played Two Mile Sunday on the Louisa diamond and won the game. The score was 8 to 4 in favor of the Webbville boys.

GUESS.

TWIN BRANCH

There will be an ice cream supper, pie supper and a fishing pond at Twin Branch Saturday the 30th. Everybody welcome.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burton, a fine girl.

Several from this place attended Sunday school at Ollioville Sunday.

Geo. and Paul Burton were calling at Dennis Sunday afternoon.

Reba and Errel Adams and Maude Burton were out horseback riding Sunday.

Mr. Parker and several others are going to rebuild the Twin Branch church house soon. They calculated on building a new church house out of the lumber of the old one.

Mrs. Howard Burton is on the sick list at this writing.

Miss Reba Adams has returned from Louisa school and will teach the upper Twin Branch school this term.

Everybody seems very anxious for school to start.

JAZZ BABY.

HUMOROUS

Mrs. Dougless—"I sayed the money to buy this coat, darling."

Dougless—"How did you manage it, precious?"

Mrs. D—"I bought it with the money you gave me for a new hat, and had the hat charged to your account."

American Legion Weekly.

A western evangelist makes a practice of painting religious lines on rocks and fences along public highways.

One ran: "What will you do when you die?"

Came an advertising man and painted under it: "Use Delta Oil. Good for burns."

American Legion Weekly.

"Why do you turn out for every road hog that comes along?" said the missus, rather crossly. "The right of way is ours, isn't it?"

"Oh, undoubtedly," answered he calmly. "As for our turning out, the reason is plainly suggested in this epiphany which appeared in a newspaper recently:

"Here lies the body of William Jay.

Who died maintaining his right of way;

He was right, dead right, as he sped along,

But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong."

Boston Transcript.

Rastus from Boston was trying to impress his southern cousin with the superior speed of northern trains.

"When dat ole Montreal express gets to hummin', Mose," he asseverated solemnly, "de telegraph posts looks like slats on a chicken fence."

"Humpf!" sniffed Mose. "When de Southern express steps out fo' Noo Orleans, it nacherally makes de mileposts look closer'n strings on a banjo."

"Pa what are ancestors?"

"Well, my son, I'm one of yours. Your grandpa is another."

"Oh! Then why is it people brag about them?"

Boston Transcript.

Nurse—"Why, Bobby, you selfish little boy! Why didn't you give your sister a piece of your apple?"

Bobby—"I gave her the seeds. She can plant 'em and have a whole orchard."

Inspector—"Do you teach observation?"

Teacher—"Yes."

Inspector—"Then I will test the class. Now, children, shut your eyes and sit still." (Following this the inspector made a slow whistling sort of noise and followed with: "Now, children, what did I do?")

For some time there was no answer, but ultimately one little boy piped out: "Kissed teacher."

The Eternal Feminine.

Dolly—"Your fiance stutters quite a bit, doesn't he?"

Molly—"Yes; but it doesn't matter. After we are married he won't have a thing to say, anyway."

Detroit News.

"I don't suppose you keep anything so civilized as dog biscuits in this one-horse rundown jay town do you?" the tourist customer snarled.

"Oh, yes, stranger," the village merchant responded pleasantly. "Quite a few folks like you come through from the city, and we aim to have everything called for. Have 'em in a bag or eat 'em here?"—Country Gentleman.

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The Greater Gain.
Discordant grew the notes in life's sweet song;

The heart of me no longer seemed in tune;

The things which in the past delighted me

Now seemed outgrown; e'en June was not sweet June.

Since, gazing deeper into life, I saw Beneath its beauty lay its filth and slime.

The knowledge of its haunted midnight hours,

I felt the call to arms against the grime.

I sought and thought I found, the thing to do,

The magic cleanser for the filth and waste;

My heart and hands with zest to labor gave,

And joy came back and held a sweeter taste;

Then, rising up I gazed upon the spot Where I had known the joy of serving

And thought so little cleaner was the world.

I felt my own soul turned anew, and shriven.

—Flora Shufelt Rivola.

A Word To Fathers.

We have read a story of a little boy who, when he wanted a new suit of clothes, begged his mother to ask his father if he might have it. The mother suggested that the boy might ask for himself.

"I would," said the boy, "but I don't feel well enough acquainted with him."

There is a sharp reproof to the father in reply of the son. Many a father keeps his children so at a distance from him that they never feel confidentially and lovingly acquainted with him.

They feel he is sort of a monarch in the family. They feel no familiarity with him. They fear him and respect him, and even love him some—

for children cannot help loving some everybody about them, but they seldom get near enough to him to feel intimate with him. They seldom go to him with their little wants and trials. They approach him thru the mother. They tell her everything.

They have a highway to her heart on which they go in and out with perfect freedom. In this keeping-off plan fathers are to blame. Children should not be held off. Let them come near.

The prevailing idea of the time is to make everything as pleasant as possible for the children. And the principle seems almost unquestionable. It would seem a little short of barbarous to be otherwise. But some good things are spoiled by overdoing the attempt to make everything pleasant and agreeable for the rising generation. In the home, in the school and in the church our whole study may be to please the child and make the way easy. But when the household pet passes into the business world the way is not made easy. Grim difficulties confront it on every hand, and nothing but pluck, patience and perseverance will overcome them. But the

child that has always been entertained and helped along an easy way is not likely to possess these important qualities. There is no surer way of making anarchists than to pet and pamper the rising generation until it must take care of itself.

There is an old proverb, home is home be it ever so homely, but home should not be made any more homely than necessity requires. The family fireside should be associated, in the minds of the young people, not only with stern requirements of duty, but with a sense of pleasure. It is not enough to drill our sons with severe discipline, in all the formalities of rigid virtue. They should be taught not only how to keep straight, but how to bend, since it is not in the power of nature to undergo a perpetual tension. Provision must be made at home for relaxation as well as work, for pleasure as well as duty. If such provision is not made there, it will be as it is often, sought elsewhere.

Husbands and wives give expression to every petty feeling of irritation and bandy words back and forth till some molehill assumes the proportions of a mountain. A tendency to nag goes unchecked among the children, and almost before the parents are aware there is a chronic condition of unpleasantness in the home. Young married people, especially need to learn control in this direction. Another disagreeable trait to be guarded against is the habit, peculiar to some people of always being on the opposite side of a question. Call attention to the good points of a book, a person, a public movement, a work of art, or what not, and this individual is ever ready to interpose a "Yes—but." Conversation in such a home gives one the chills.

Potter and Mt. Pleasant

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins were in Louisa Tuesday.

Mrs. Sack Bartram and Miss Gagnet See of Louisa were visiting Mrs. Bea Sausberry one day last week.

Mrs. Dave Mullins spent Sunday with her son, John Mullins.

Harry Austin has returned home from a ten days' visit with his sister, Mrs. E. W. Bowers of Huntington, W. Va.

Mrs. Grover Bernard who underwent a serious operation about a week ago is nicely improving.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Yates spent Sunday with Mrs. John Mullins.

Hicksville and Jattie

George Holbrook was called to Holden, W. Va., to see his brother who is very ill with typhoid fever.

Doshia Hammond and sister Grace and Robert Hillman were visiting at Lock Creek Saturday.

Misses Lora and Fannie Thompson and Rom Webb were shopping at Jattie Monday.

Mrs. B. B. Wells entertained a large crowd of young folks Sunday.

There will be a revival meeting start at Jattie the second Saturday night in August by Rev. Roland Hutchison and others.

Rosa Webb was calling on the Misses Thompson recently.

Mrs. Hammonds and daughters are contemplating a visit to Louisa soon.

Rev. Eli Roberts, wife and brother-in-law attended prayer meeting at Jattie Thursday night.

Miss Claudie Hammond was visiting her cousin, Miss Lucy Thompson, Friday evening.

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